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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN RE
PROPOSED PORT VISITS

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1. I MET WITH FONMIN BAYULKEN AFTERNOON JANUARY 17TH TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN OVER DECISION CONVEYED TO US YESTERDAY BY FONOFF, TURNING DOWN REQUEST FOR PORT VISITS OF SEVERAL U.S. NAVAL VESSELS OVER COURSE OF PERIOD JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 5. IN-DICATED THAT IF GOT FELT NUMBER OF NAVAL VESSELS EXCESSIVE,

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NUMBERS COULD BE REUDCED. STRESSED THAT PRESENCE OF SIXTH

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FLEET IN EASTERN MED WAS MAJOR ASSET TO TURKISH SECURITY,
AND AT SAME TIME NOTED THAT NO FLEET CAN FUNCTION THAT CANNOT
GET TO PORT. I NOTED FURTHER THAT PARTICULARLY IN CASE OF AIR-
CRAFT CARRIERS, THERE WERE VERY FEW PORTS OTHER THAN ISTANBUL
IN EASTERN MED WHERE THEY COULD PUT IN. I ADDED THAT USG
AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES THAT THESE VISITS HAD CREATED ON OCCASION
IN THE PAST, BUT THAT WE HAD BEEN VERY ENCOURAGED BY LACK OF
SUCH DIFFICULTIES MORE RECENTLY, AND HAD NO INDICATION THAT
A VISIT AT END OF MONTH WOULD BE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DIFFERENT
FROM THOSE OF OTHER RECENT SUCCESSFUL VISITS. I ENDED BY
NOTING THAT OF COURSE USG WOULD RESPECT TURKEY'S WISHES AND
JUDGMENT IN THE MATTER, BUT WE PUZZLED AND CONCERNED BY
DECISION AND ASKING FOR RECONSIDERATION.

2. REGRETTABLY, BAYULKEN WAS UNWILLING TO ALTER GOT POSITION.
HE PLACED ENTIRE ARGUMENT ON FACT THAT BEST GUESS OF CURRENT
GOVT WAS THAT THESE VISITS WOULD TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT THE TIME
OF THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW GOVT AND THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS
SOME RISK INVOLVED IN THESE VISITS AND THAT AS A QTE SIMPLE
COURTESY UNQTE TO THE NEW GOVT, PRESENT GOVT BELIEVED VISITS
SHOULD BE DEFERRED. WHEN I EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM
THAT NEW GOVT WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY THESE VISITS, ESPECIALLY
IF THEY WERE IN POSITION TO SAY THAT THESE WERE APPROVED BY
PREVIOUS GOVT, HE INSISTED THAT IT IMPROPER FOR PRESENT GOVT
TO RUN THE
SLIGHTEST RISK OF EMBARRASSING NEW GOVT JUST AS
IT COMING INTO OFFICE. HE THEN ADDED QTE OFF THE RECORD UNQTE
THAT BECAUSE OF INTEREST IN AMNESTY LEGISLATION, DISSIDENT
ELEMENTS MIGHT BE STIRRED UP AT ABOUT THAT TIME.

3. CONVERSATION SUMMARIZED ABOVE LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY
THIRTY MINUTES WITH A FAIR AMOUNT OF REPETITION OF BASIC THEMES
ON BOTH OUR PARTS. IT FINALLY CONCLUDED WITH BAYULKEN SAYING
HE WOULD TAKE UP WITH HIS SUCCESSOR USG CONCERN OVER DELAY
IN VISITS AND EXPRESS HOPE TO HIS SUCCESSOR THAT THIS MATTER
COULD BE DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY WHEN USG REQUEST FOR VISITS
RENEWED. HE ADDED THAT OF COURSE SILVER FOX OPERATION(MINUS
ISTANBUL VISIT) WAS IN NO WAY AFFECTED BY GOT DECISION.

4. AFTER AGAIN EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT RE GOT DECISION,

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CONVERSATION TURNED TO ANOTHER SUBJECT BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.
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